

CONGRESSMEN TELL HOW IT HAPPENED

Chairman and Officers of the Committee at Banquet.

SPEAKER CANNON IS GUEST

Results of Last Election Analyzed and Warning Sounded by Representative—Co-operation Counseled by Speakers Among Members of Lower House—Prabes Co-workers.

"Treacher, brother, treacher," "Just another example of the fallacy of the direct primary."

"To had to be beaten after such a long career."

"It all goes to show that, after all, you never can tell."

No; this isn't a symposium of the false starts of a historian trying to start something about the political situation.

It is just the fragments of a few tidbits of conversation gleaned from the banquet last night at the Raleigh to the chairman and officers of the Republican Congressional Committee and a few old timers" given by their active colleagues and associates.

Meets Every Year. Once a year this committee "gets together"—a gathering of men whose names are powerful throughout the country—to talk over the political situation, to reminisce, to draw a moral from what has been, to direct a moral at what is to come, and incidentally to make away with a dinner fit to make one Lucullus green with envy.

The "old timers" were Joseph G. Cannon, Speaker of the House of Representatives; James S. Sherman, Vice President-elect; Joseph W. Babcock, of Wisconsin; and Jesse Overstreet, of Indiana.

Those Present. The others were:

James C. Neidham, California; Herbert W. Boyer, Colorado; Hiram R. Burton, Delaware; Burton L. French, Idaho; James R. Mann, Illinois; Albert F. Dawson, Iowa; James M. Miller, Kansas; Edwin C. Burleigh, Maine; John W. Weeks, Massachusetts; Joseph W. Fordney, Michigan; Richard Barthold, Missouri; Charles N. Pray, Montana; George S. Nixon, Nebraska; John W. Weeks, North Dakota; Nicholas Longworth, Ohio; Bird S. McGuire, Oklahoma; William R. Ellis, Oregon; J. Hampton Moore, Pennsylvania; John B. Caper, Rhode Island; Walter P. Brownlow, Tennessee; Joseph H. Egan, Utah; Kittredge Haskins, Vermont; C. Bascom Slemm, Virginia; Edgar B. Hughes, West Virginia; James H. Davidson, Wisconsin; Frank W. Mondell, Wyoming; John K. Kalaian, Hawaii; William H. Andrews, New Mexico; Frank H. Marshall, New York; J. William White, New York; Francis Curtis, H. O. Derendorf, John C. Eversman, N. O. Wenger, David Moore, Henry D. Norton, North Dakota; and Edward B. Edwards.

It takes a banquet of old associates to get things said. Last night the "feast of reason" took a secondary place to the "flow of soul" and the chair developed into a love feast. In which Speaker Cannon "loosened up" and patted his "faithful boys" on the shoulder, and many words were said from the inside with candor and good will.

Just as in the very midst of life there is death, so a few warnings were sounded that were received with a laugh and a "You'd better take something for that," which, nevertheless, were heeded and with mental note was made.

Mr. Babcock, former Representative from Wisconsin, sounded one of these warnings when he counseled the greatest co-operation among the members of the Lower House in order that the approaching Congressional election in the fall of 1940 might result in another Republican victory.

Pays Glowing Tribute. He paid a glowing tribute to the work of the Congressional committee, saying his association with it had been the most pleasurable feature of his public life.

Turning to Mr. Cannon, he said: "There is the best speaker that has ever sat at the head of the House of Representatives. He has withstood the attacks upon him, and come out of the fray representing the best of American manhood."

Continuing he said: "It is only the Republican party that can take up the great matters that have confronted it, and deal with them wisely and comprehensively. Whenever the Democratic party has tried it, it has fallen by the wayside."

Turning again to Speaker Cannon, Mr. Babcock found him penned up by Mr. Loudenslager.

"Call Loudenslager off," he shouted. "I want to say to you, Mr. Cannon, that you have got the greatest job on your hands as Speaker of the House. You've had. The Republican party has got to stand together. The brains of the House must come to the front, and I fear greatly that the members having them are showing a tendency to hang back. The brains of the party must come to the front if the party is to keep itself the dominant factor in the legislation of the country."

Will Find Unanimity. To which Mr. Cannon, although he had already spoken, responded: "I have no doubt that whenever a caucus of the Republican members of the House is taken we shall find the unanimity that is necessary to the best interests of the party."

Representative William B. McKinley, of Illinois, chairman of the Congressional Committee, was the man to whom the banquet was chiefly given. With him as honored guests were James A. Tamm, of Minnesota, vice chairman of the committee; Charles G. Dawes, treasurer, who was present in spirit, but not in body; Henry C. Loudenslager, of New Jersey, secretary; and Col. Henry Casson, assistant secretary.

The committee in charge of the banquet was: Albert F. Dawson, James F. Davidson, J. Hampton Moore, C. Bascom Slemm, and John W. Weeks.

Moore is Toastmaster. During the part of the evening devoted to eating he read a number of telegrams purporting to be "from the political fight in Illinois." The first was from Springfield, directed to Mr. Cannon, as follows:

"The twenty-third ballot shows an improvement over the twenty-second. The vote now stands: Cannon, 1; McKinley, 1; Lowden, 1; Mann, 1. Think we can get Eversman over, but Mann and Lowden stubborn."

L. WHITE BUSBY. The second was to the Hon. William B. McKinley:

"Tried to get Busby down on twenty-fourth ballot, and may on twenty-fifth. Lowden foy, and can't understand Mann. Vote on twenty-fourth ballot: McKinley, 1; Cannon, 1; Mann, 1; Lowden, 1."

"JOHN C. EVERSMAN. With the banqueters wrought up to a high pitch, the third telegram was read to the Republican Congressional Committee, New York City, as follows:

"Busby and Eversman together, and I am out. Twenty-fifth ballot shows Cannon, 2; McKinley, 2. Mann withdraws to become governor of the Panama Zone."

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A BIT OF VERSE.

I. Who was it when the fire was low Went out to gather up "the dough." And send us back to "Uncle Joe"? Darn!

II. Who was it there in New York town, Who hot the situation down, And "did" the Democrats "up brown"? Loudenslager!

III. Who was it held the Middle West, And tho' by legions were oppressed Put all our enemies "at rest"? Cannon!

IV. Who was it when the shell and shot Were falling 'round him mighty hot, Remained there "Jimmy-on-the-spot"? Tamm!

V. Who was it when we needed him, To give the campaign map and vim Was "on the job" as "Sammy Jim"? Sherman!

VI. Who was it when the shot and shell In fierce assault around him fell Stood by his guns and "gave 'em—"? Cannon!

VII. Who was it when the fight was o'er, And sword was the battle's rear, And some of 'em were so near, Put up the trusty sword he bore; The bloody sword he bore— That showed majorities galore. Three thousand each—and sometimes four— Returned to peaceful ways one more. The silent hero of the war? McKinley!

rected to Col. Busby in Springfield, Ill., from Joseph G. Cannon.

"Withdraw my name on twenty-sixth ballot. Would rather be a doorknocker in the House than live in the tents of the night."

A motion was made to send a telegram to Mr. Dawes expressing the appreciation of the committee for his services. Just as the motion was about to go through, Mr. Sherman interjected:

"On whose frank?"

It was finally decided to send the message collected.

Mr. Loudenslager paid a high tribute to the previous chairmen of the committee. Mr. Babcock and Mr. McKinley, the latter of whom he characterized as "the man who never knew anything when any one inquired about anything he wasn't supposed to know anything about."

Need of Co-operation. The speaker called attention to the need of co-operation to insure the best results of the work of the committee. As Mr. Loudenslager resumed his seat Mr. Babcock said to his next-door neighbor:

"Tawney, I wish you could make a speech like that."

To which Mr. Tawney responded with a sigh of regret.

Mr. Cannon, introduced by Mr. Moore as the "man who saved Indiana," replied with a short address.

Speaks on Parties. Mr. Tawney, like Mr. Babcock, who followed him on the program, spoke of the pleasure the association of the members of the Congressional Committee had been to him. Speaking of the existence of national parties, he said:

"I don't know how long parties will exist. I fear at times we are drifting toward individual politics, which I hope will never happen."

Vice President-elect Sherman characterized William Jennings Bryan as "the best worker for the Republican party in the last twelve years." He referred especially to Mr. Bryan's speech in Madison Square Garden. He, too, eulogized the Congressional Committee.

"It is an organization," he said, "that believes in practical Republican policies. It aims to help the man who needs help. Without favoritism or clique, its purpose is to further the work for the best interests of the party. When we have furthered the interests of the Republican party, we have furthered the interests of our common country."

Cannon's Talk Forceful. As Mr. Cannon rose to speak, the tremendous energy of the man behind the evidences of age were apparent. His talk was forceful in the extreme, but with a force arising from the sentiments aroused in him by the occasion. It was a talk full of the spirit of the party and the idea of concentration of effort. Shaking his hand in front of him, he said:

"The Congressional Committee has been effective in action along wise lines. It has never been cowardly. It has never avoided an issue that was material, and I hope it never will."

"It is better to suffer an occasional defeat than to win victories at the price of cowardly surrender to a false principle."

He paid a high tribute to Mr. Overstreet, who was defeated in the last Congressional election in Indiana. Turning to Mr. Overstreet, he said:

"All things come to him who waits. Your splendid experience will not be lost to the party. You are young."

Refers to Defeats. Mr. Cannon paid high compliments to the services of Mr. McKinley, Mr. Tawney, Mr. Dawes, and Mr. Casson. Referring to the defeats suffered by the Republican party in the last Congressional election, he said:

"The Republican party now, as in the past, survives under the attacks of the uniformed and the demagogues. Its stalwart front has been weak points in it."

"I am rather handicapped," said Mr. McKinley, in commencing his address, "in being placed this far along in the list. Now, there is 'his excellency'—turning to Mr. Sherman, who sat next to him. 'I have been telling the stories I have learned from him for years.'"

"I wish to say, however, that we cannot emphasize too much the need of co-operation during the fifteen months to come, if we are to look confidently forward to a Republican Congressional victory in the fall of 1940."

Mr. McKinley expressed the highest appreciation of the services of the men associated with him on the Congressional Committee during his chairmanship.

Mr. Overstreet, the defeated member from Indiana, received an ovation as he rose to speak. As he started to explain "how it happened" in Indiana, Mr. Tawney quietly left his place and went out to the piano. Driving away the music.

Assets, \$13,274,828. Capital, \$3,000,000. Surplus, \$1,724,933.

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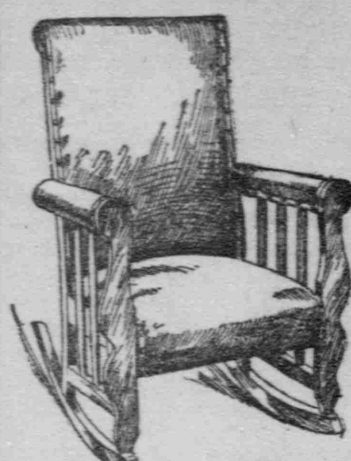
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WARN OF EARTHQUAKE.

Most Violent Shock in 25 Years Predicted for Mexico.

Mexico City, Jan. 28.—The National Geological Institute has received advice from Lupton that lava is now running from one of the lower craters of Colima Volcano.

Warning has been spread among the people who live in the vicinity that an eruption is impending which will be the most violent in the last quarter century.

This prediction is made upon the reports of Anisto Castellanos, who is in charge of the observatory at Colima and Diaz. Heavy showers of ashes and pumice stones have been falling for many miles around the volcano during the last twenty-four hours.

JAPANESE IMMIGRATION LOW

Secretary Straus Estimates Number of Those Admitted at 4,477.

In Reply to Senator Flint, Commerce and Labor Chief Praises Gentlemen's Agreement with Japan.

In a letter addressed to Senator Flint, of California, Secretary Straus says the agreement the United States has with Japan, covering the exclusion of Japanese and Korean skilled and unskilled labor is working satisfactorily. He says:

"I wish to call your attention to the fact which the statements above referred to indicate, that the arrangement which has been called the 'gentlemen's agreement' we have with Japan in my judgment is working more effectively than would result from any restriction laws, because of the effective embargo Japan has placed upon the departure of her subjects from Japan."

The Secretary says that the number of Japanese admitted for the calendar year 1937 was 12,411, while the number admitted for 1938 was 4,477.

Beginning with the month of June, 1938, to October, 1938, the emigration of Japanese from the United States exceeded the immigration to the United States by 1,542.

FATHER JUDGE DEAD.

Was Professor in St. Charles' College at Elliptic City, Md.

Rev. Father Charles J. Judge, S. S., of St. Charles College, Elliptic City, Md., died at that institution yesterday, after an illness of pneumonia lasting only two days.

The announcement brings sorrow to many persons in this city, and especially to the clergymen of Washington, among whom the priest had a wide acquaintance.

Father Judge was born in Baltimore in 1854. He received his earliest education in St. Charles College. Graduating from that institution, he studied for three years abroad. Upon his return to America he entered St. Charles College, where, up to the time of his death, he taught English, Greek, and mathematics. He leaves a brother and sister, living in Baltimore.

Father Judge, the well-known Jesuit missionary to Alaska, who died in the early years of his priesthood, was also a brother.

The funeral will take place from St. Charles College to-morrow. Rev. Father Thomas E. McGuigan, of this city, will preach.

HUGHES AT WHITE HOUSE.

Governor of New York Declines to Discuss Any Phase of Politics.

Gov. Hughes dined with President Roosevelt last night. The governor said that there was nothing of political interest in his visit, and Mr. Hughes merely having accepted the President's invitation to attend the White House dinner in honor of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Gov. Hughes, of New York, in the afternoon went to the Willard Hotel, where friends called upon him. The governor declined to discuss affairs of Albany, or any other phase of politics. He was attended by his military secretary, Col. Treadwell. He will leave Washington after breakfast.

It is the first time that Gov. Hughes has been President Roosevelt's guest since he has been governor of New York. The only visit which he made here being to attend the Conservation Congress of Governors, a year ago.

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HIGH TRIBUTE PAID

REV. J. G. BUTLER

Memorial Congregation Tendered Pastor a Reception.

OPPOSING FACTION IS ABSENT

Members of Council Who Would Discontinue the Services of the Venerable and Beloved Preacher and their Friends Take No Part in the Pleading Exercises.

The Rev. J. G. Butler, for many years pastor of Luther Place Memorial Church, was tendered a reception in honor of his eighty-third birthday anniversary by members of his congregation last night.

Members of the church who are opposed to the pastor's further service because of his advanced age did not attend the reception.

It is probable, said several of those present at the reception, that the difficulties will be settled at the meeting called by the council for February 1. It was intimated that the dissatisfied members will not have everything their own way at this meeting.

No Discordant Note.

There was no discordant note in the festivities. All present united in doing honor to the long service of Dr. Butler. In the addresses made it was the sentiment that he be retained as pastor until he should of his own accord tender his resignation.

Following a short address by Dr. Graham, in which he spoke of the long service and indefatigable efforts of Dr. Butler, Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Power, pastor of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church, delivered a prayer for the success of the church and many more years of life and happiness to the pastor.

Dr. Power prayed for peace and prosperity, and said the church would stand forever as a memorial to the work of Dr. Butler.

Senator Knute Nelson, of Minnesota, made a short address, in which he eulogized Dr. Butler. He spoke of Dr. Butler's service as Chaplain of the Senate, and said that should he at any time leave his present pastorate he would be eulogized as a following on Capitol Hill who would like to see him back in the position of chaplain.

The Senator said that as long as Dr. Butler remained the pastor of Luther Place Memorial Church, the members of the congregation could rest assured they would have the "old time religion" preached to them. In this connection, the Senator said:

"Dr. Butler may not get up in the pulpit with fine or stylish raiment; he may not express his thoughts in fine flights of oratory, but he will preach the old time, straightforward religion. He will work for the betterment and prosperity of the church, and will always be one to be depended upon."

Rev. Dr. Wesley, pastor of the Church of the Reformation, made a short address, in which Dr. Butler was eulogized as one of the oldest and best-known church workers in the District.

Letter from President. A letter from President Roosevelt, wishing Dr. Butler many happy returns of the day, was read, after which L. L. Randolph made presentation of a number of valuable photographs and autographs. W. H. Finckel made an address on behalf of the congregation, expressing their appreciation of his long and devoted service.

Following a short address by Dr. Butler, in which he expressed his pleasure at the reception, a barytone solo was sung by Lucien Randolph, Jr. Mrs. Polkinson sang a solo and several piano solos were played. Dr. Butler started his career in Washington at the time of the civil war. He is dean of the Washington ministry and president of the Ministers' Association. While chaplain of the Rhode Island Avenue Citizens' Association, he was an intimate friend of Beck, Sherman, Thurman, Garfield, Morrell, and others famous in history.

The Church's Finances. Though well along in years, Dr. Butler has not relaxed his energy in church work. Although his congregation is not a rich one, the statement of the finances for the last year makes a remarkable showing. The synod apportioned \$25 as the share of his congregation in its general work. The collection for this purpose amounted to \$95.50, or \$17.50 in excess of the apportionment. The regular local expenses amounted to \$4,653.18, and the unusual expenses in wiping out the debt caused by the fire, which occurred five years ago last night, amounted to \$3,246.47. The total benevolences amounted to \$78.50, making the total collections from the membership of 330 amount to \$11,493.15, or \$48.57 per capita. In addition to this, \$300 was contributed by outsiders.

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BILL IS BEFORE CONGRESS

Educational Committee Recommends that Provision Be Made for Those Who Are Superannuated, or Become Incapacitated by Disease. Supt. Stuart in Favor of Plan.

A number of representatives of civic organizations, members of the Chamber of Commerce and the board of education were before the educational committee of the Chamber of Commerce last evening for the purpose of discussing the question of a teachers' retirement fund.

This measure is one of importance to the District, and will be taken up by Congress at the present session. A bill has been prepared and presented to the House by Representative Smith, of Michigan, and by Senator Gallinger, of the Senate.

The bill provides a fund for the teachers who retire after thirty-five years of service. It says that the teacher who enters the public service, and who passes her life in the public schools, is entitled to some compensation by the public.

Should Be Retired. The board of education claims when the teacher becomes unfitted for active service under the present system, it does not feel it should put the teacher out of the school, and that some channel should be opened by which she could be retired.

All these facts and many more were presented to the educational committee, and it was the general opinion of those present that the teacher is entitled to some consideration, and should be eligible to a retirement list, as are firemen, policemen, and soldiers, because she has played as important a part in the country as any of these.

The bill provides that the government pay one-half of the fund, which will probably amount to \$5,000 annually. The teachers would be called upon to furnish 1 per cent of the salary the first year, 1 1/2 per cent the second year, and for the next ten years 2 per cent.

The teachers of the District have been consulted, and all willingly consent to the proposed contribution. The law is in effect in some of the larger cities. In New York City, it is stated, 900 teachers were retired last year under similar provisions.

Measure Important. W. V. Cox, member of the board of education, discussed the question at great length, and showed the necessity of such a law by pointing out the importance of a measure that is to the teachers.

He said there has been some dispute as to whether the teachers of the District are as well qualified as some of the teachers of other States and cities. This question has arisen because of the fact that the school system of Washington is practically young as compared with those elsewhere. He declared they are as well qualified as others, and should receive like benefits.

Mr. Cox brought with him considerable data and information in the form of articles showing the list of teachers in the public schools of Washington and their length of service. He said a number of Congressmen represent cities and States where the proposed system is now in use, and he believed this would in a measure have some effect upon the legislative body of the country when the bill comes up for passage. The bill was favorably reported on by the Commissioners more than a year ago, and they considered it a measure that should be supported by the citizens in general.

Forty Teachers Affected. If this bill is passed, there are about forty teachers at present in the schools of Washington who would be retired because of physical disability. Among these are included some who have sacrificed their health in the schoolroom. The proposed law would not go into effect for one year in order to give time to accumulate the necessary fund.